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All Units South of Sacramento on Fire Season

CDF Declares Fire Season in Southern Region, North Declaration Pending

Sacramento- All Southern Region units of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) are on fire season status as of 8 a.m. today. This involves all CDF administrative units from Sacramento south. The northern portion of the state is expected to declare fire season by June 1.

The declaration of fire season indicates a heightened level of preparedness within the unit. It means that CDF will staff all fire response facilities 24 hours per day, hire on seasonal firefighters, and increase dispatch levels. In some areas burn permits may be suspended.

The declaration of fire season also gives CDF firefighters the opportunity to remind California residents that now is the time to prepare for inevitable wildfires. The law requires that homeowners clear dry brush and grass a minimum of 30 ft. from their structure (more is better), remove leaves, twigs, etc. from the roof, trim tree branches at least 10 feet away from chimneys, and install a spark arrester on all chimneys. Remember to trim trees from the ground up to six feet, thereby removing "ladder fuels" which allow a grass fire to burn to the top of the tree.

For more tips on fire safety see the CDF website at www.fire.ca.gov

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